First Congregational
United Church of Christ

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An open and affirming community committed to peace and justice

June 5, 2022
10:00 am

"Gathered and Scattered"
Pentecost Sunday

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
You are welcome here!

WORSHIP ON ZOOM -- Zoom opens at 9:30 am Sunday morning.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7643282234

Meeting ID: 764 328 2234
Passcode: Ypsi1882
To join by phone, dial the number, 1-312-626-6799

- Welcome to Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC's Zoom Worship Service
- Hymns are included in the worship bulletin. A separate hymnal is not needed.
- If you are joining worship for the first-time on Zoom, please add your name and email to the chat so the Zoomie Greeter can introduce you.
- Thank you for choosing to worship with us today!

OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT OF
First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti celebrates everyone, including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identifies and expressions, family configurations, economic circumstances, physical, cognitive or emotional abilities, education or spiritual or religious traditions. All are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry, and missions of this church as we seek to grow together in a safe, nurturing community of faith. We strive to demonstrate in all ways that "NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!"

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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Start Zoom Recoding to Cloud **JOSHUA CATANIA**

"Rejoice, and come In" by Louise Ruspini

RINGING THE BELL **MARTY KLEINO**

WELCOME **PASTOR LIZ**

- A warm welcome to all, including first-time visitors.
- As stated in our Open and Affirming Covenant (previous page), all persons are welcome in this community of faith.
- **Today--the first Sunday in June--we celebrate the birthdays of folks in our faith community born in the month of June by singing "Happy Birthday." Folks with June birthdays according to Church records are: Chris Hale, Ellie Gusman, Roger Meiller, and Steve Cagle. Happy Birthday!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS **DONNA EYSTER**

- **COMMUNITY SHARING OF OTHER ANNOUNCMENTS:**
  - The Worship Leader and Greeter is Donna Eyster.
  - The Greeter will introduce folks participating in worship.
  - Please share your announcements so everyone can learn what is happening in our beloved ministry community.
  - **This is the first Sunday of the month; we will be sharing communion during this service.**
  - **Please gather your own elements. Creativity is a blessing.**
  - Please submit written announcements to Margaret Harner, Worship Coordinator, margaretsharner@gmail.com, by midnight on Tuesday.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Every Step of the Way"
66 SING

CALL TO WORSHIP **DONNA EYSTER**

Leader: God invites us to wake from our slumbers.

People: There is much to be done for God today.

Leader: God encourages us to proclaim God's goodness and love.

People: There are so many people who are lost and hurt in need of God's Good News.

Leader: God inspires us to be bold in our proclamation, unafraid, confident.

People: Ever-present God, be with us as we step boldly out to share your Good News. Amen.

HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"
270 NCH

LISTENING FOR GOD

FIRST READING **Genesis 11:1-9** **DONNA EYSTER**

SECOND READING **Acts 2:1-21** **PASTOR LIZ**

HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"O Holy Dove of God Descending"
285 NCH

MORNING MESSAGE **"Gathered and Scattered"** **PASTOR LIZ**

CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Pause Zoom recording

*Zoomies: Please turn on your microphone

You are invited to share your joys and petitions for prayer.
Please unmute your microphone to share a joy or make a prayer of petition.
At the end of each joy or petition, please say **"God in your mercy"**
We will respond (with microphones muted) **"Hear our prayers"**

PASTORAL PRAYER *Restart Zoom recording **PASTOR LIZ**

DISCIPLES' PRAYER (Unison) *Microphone muted **PASTOR LIZ**

Holy Spirit, we are not ready for you, but we know you are ready for us-
Ready to change our lives if we will let you.
Help us prepare by setting our hearts on fire with love;
By blowing away our fears and doubts;
By tuning our ears to the rich diversity of language and culture around the world;
By opening our eyes to the amazing beauty and power of your creation;
By breathing into us the joy and hope of the resurrected Christ,
in whose name we pray.
Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY INVITATION **PASTOR LIZ**

Our electronic giving platform is Tithe.ly: Link to Tithe.ly

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PO Box 980413, Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY **"How Deep the Silence of the Soul"** **JOSHUA CATANIA**
By Tallis/Dunstan

DOXOLOGY *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Take My Gifts" v.2 562 NCH

Take the fruits that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,
Harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God
Spiced with humor, laced with laughter, flavor of the Jesus life,
Tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Unison with Microphone muted **DONNA EYSTER**

God of Communion and Community.
We thank you for the gifts, both tangible and intangible, you have provided and continue to provide.
You know best how to use every offering; every one a treasure in your eyes.
Guide us as we dedicate the gifts of this congregation to support healing in a broken world.
Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"
337 NCH

COMMUNION SERVICE **PASTOR LIZ**

No matter who you are and where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at Christ's table!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING **PASTOR LIZ**

DEPARTING WITH PRAISE

CLOSING HYMN *Microphone muted *Standing is optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"
286 NCH

BENEDICTION (RESPONSIVE) **PASTOR LIZ**

Awesome Spirit!
You have inspired us this day to be witnesses to God's love and power.
Help us be joyful in our service and strong in our faith for the sake of Jesus Christ.
We now go in peace, with God's peace in our hearts. Amen.

POSTLUDE **"Savior, Again to Your Dear Name"** **JOSHUA CATANIA**
By Hopkins/Ellerton

PASSING THE PEACE **FRIENDS GATHERED**

- Share a greeting with others as we transition to our casual **Friendship Time.**

Zoom Only Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Rev. Liz Larrivee, Pastor & Spiritual Director
Tiffanie Waldron, Music Director

Joshua Catania, Accompanist
Jenn Zibbell, Ministry Intern
Donna Eyster, Worship Leader/Greeter
Marty Kleino, Bell Ringer

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- **Hymn Profiles:** *The New Century Hymnal Companion.* Pilgrim Press 1999

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Next Week: **Tad Wysor. Worship Leader**

Sunday worship will be on Zoom-only May 29 through September 11. This information has been added to our church website.

Coming Soon: Weekly Zoom sessions for our community of faith to complete the work of "Purpose = Identity + Context + Values" from Susan Beaumont's *How to Lead When You Don't Know WhereYou're Going: Leading in a Liminal Season*. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in the Lenten/Easter Community Discernment book study. The conversation was robust and timely. And…it was fun to be together outside of worship! God is still speaking...and we are listening and discerning. Look for a Google Survey asking for day and time preferences to determine the weekly time slot that works best for most folks.

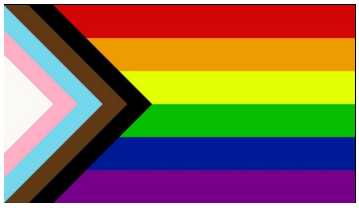
Pastor Liz's Summer Schedule: Between June 1 and September 15, Pastor Liz will be pasturing remotely from Traverse City as outlined in her call agreement. During this time, please continue to let her know of your pastoral care needs and/or pastoral care emergencies. The best way to reach her is via text and/or phone call. (734-358-6108). In the event of a pastoral care emergency, Pastor Liz will return to Ypsilanti to provide support.

PRIDE MONTH, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month: is celebrated annually in June to honor the 1969 Stonewall riots and works to achieve equal justice and equal opportunity for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) Americans. In June of 1969, patrons and supporters of the Stonewall Inn in New York City staged an uprising to resist the police harassment and persecution to which LGBT Americans were commonly subjected. This uprising marks the beginning of a movement to outlaw discriminatory laws and practices against LGBT Americans.

Today, celebrations include pride parades, picnics, parties, workshops, symposia and concerts, and LGBT Pride Month events attract millions of participants around the world. Memorials are held during this month for those members of the community who have been lost to hate crimes or HIV/AIDS. The purpose of the commemorative month is to recognize the impact that LGBTQ individuals have had on history locally, nationally, and internationally.

Federal and local policies and practices are increasingly acknowledging and focusing on LGBTQ youth and numerous national advocacy and other organizations are also giving greater attention to LGBTQ youth in their work. Encouraging greater acceptance and support for all youth, including those who are or are perceived to be LGBTQ, will make communities, schools, and other settings safer, better places for all youth. *From youth.gov*

Progress Pride Flag, designed by Daniel Quasar, 2018, and he writes *the flag below explicitly includes Black, Brown and Trans colors. Without those groups we would not have Pride today.* The inclusive flag, which includes black and brown stripes representing people of color, as well as pink, white, and blue stripes in a nod to the Trans Pride banner. The flag was designed by Portland, Oregon-based artist Daniel Quasar in 2018.



Fall Hybrid Worship Kick-Off Sunday: September 18. Combined Zoom and in- person worship will resume in our sanctuary on Sunday, September 18 at 10:00 am.

Fall Pet Blessing Ceremony: September 25 at 2:00 pm: This fun family and pet friendly service will be held outdoors (weather permitting) in the park next to the church. UCC Member in Dis-cernment (MID) and Seminary Intern, Jenn Zibbell, is team leader for this service. Please contact Jenn if you would like to help with planning and hosting. More details will be announced over the summer.

OUR CHURCH'S MISSIONS

THE BEACON CENTER

The **Beacon Center** is the newest community social justice of the Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC. As a light to all persons, the Beacon Center's ministry will support the spiritual formation, creative expression, overall thriving and advocacy of at-risk students of all ages, including those affiliated with three primary local institutions of higher learning: Eastern Michigan University, Washtenaw Community College and University of Michigan. In the Spirit of the UCC moto, "That They All Shall Be One", Beacon Center serves as a uniting and unifying umbrella across our congregation serving persons sources through our three other community social justice ministry networks. Those ministries (each detailed below) include WICIR (Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights) serving the immigrant communities, MI-ONA (Michigan Open and Affirming Coalition) serving LGTBQ+ persons, and WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition) which brings together faith, labor and community organizations to address local issues.

The Beacon Center is committed to advocate for self-determination and education for all people, especially students living in poverty, persons of color experiencing racism, and other de-humanizing circumstances and conditions. Beacon Center's student demographics include persons of color, immigrants, minorities, LGTBQ+ folk, women, those with special needs, the economically disadvantaged, those facing housing insecurity, the financially challenged, and the working poor. For additional information on the Beacon Center, please contact Rev. Liz Larrivee at lizlarrivee@gmail.com

IMMIGRATION MINISTRY – WASHTENAW INTERFAITH COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS (WICIR)

Since 2008, **WICIR** has been working with, and in support of, immigrants in Washtenaw County facing challenges of many kinds. At our inception the primary need that brought us together was to support people facing enforcement action by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement); most often detention, deportation, and removal. To date, WICIR has responded to 650 calls. Always in partnership with folks most affected, many actions and services have evolved as identified by our immigrant siblings, while always keeping focused on our original mission:

To provide culturally sensitive and supportive urgent response to those in Washtenaw County in immigration-related crises; impact local governmental policies to empower and protect immigrant community members; and work toward humane national immigration reform.

Our outreach has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many in immigrant communities have experienced significant challenges as they struggle to pay rent, provide food for their families and other basic survival needs. To respond, WICIR, in partnership with Mexiquenses in Michigan (from St. Francis of Assisi Parish), has raised and distributed $200,000 relief funds to immigrants and their families. We have a waiting list of those still in need and will continue this effort as funds are available.

For information about what's happening with immigrant rights and **Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights**, or if you are interested in learning ways to help, please contact Melanie Harner at melharner@gmail.com or through the WICIR website: https://wicir.org/. You can also find a link on the church website.

WASHTENAW REGIONAL ORGANIZING COALITION

First Congregational is a founding institution of the local "organization of organizations" **WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition)**. In many ways, WeROC is a larger illustration of the values and mission we try to live out at First Congregational. WeROC members are, at our core, focused on intentionally re-weaving the frayed fabric of community at a time when forces are at work every day to keep us fragmented, suspicious of each other, feeling isolated. Especially in this time when so many are being hit by the health and economic crises, WeROC's focus on raising voices of those most affected is more important than ever (See COVID-19 Resources at www.werocmi.org) WeROC's Mission Statement is:

WeROC brings together faith, labor, community organizations, and individuals to build the healthy collective power needed to break down the systems that sustain injustice, racism, and economic inequality.

WeROC is affiliated with the Detroit Metro organization MOSES and the Gamliel National Network. Contact Tad Wysor at tadwysor@gmail.com or 734-883-3225.

This past election year showed us good things can happen when we're working together in the same direction. WeROC is moving rapidly **forward** to keep momentum going and find ways to continue to be more effective together in making our communities healthier and more vibrant places; improving the lives of *everyone* in big ways-- especially those who are most vulnerable and whose voice have seldom been heard.

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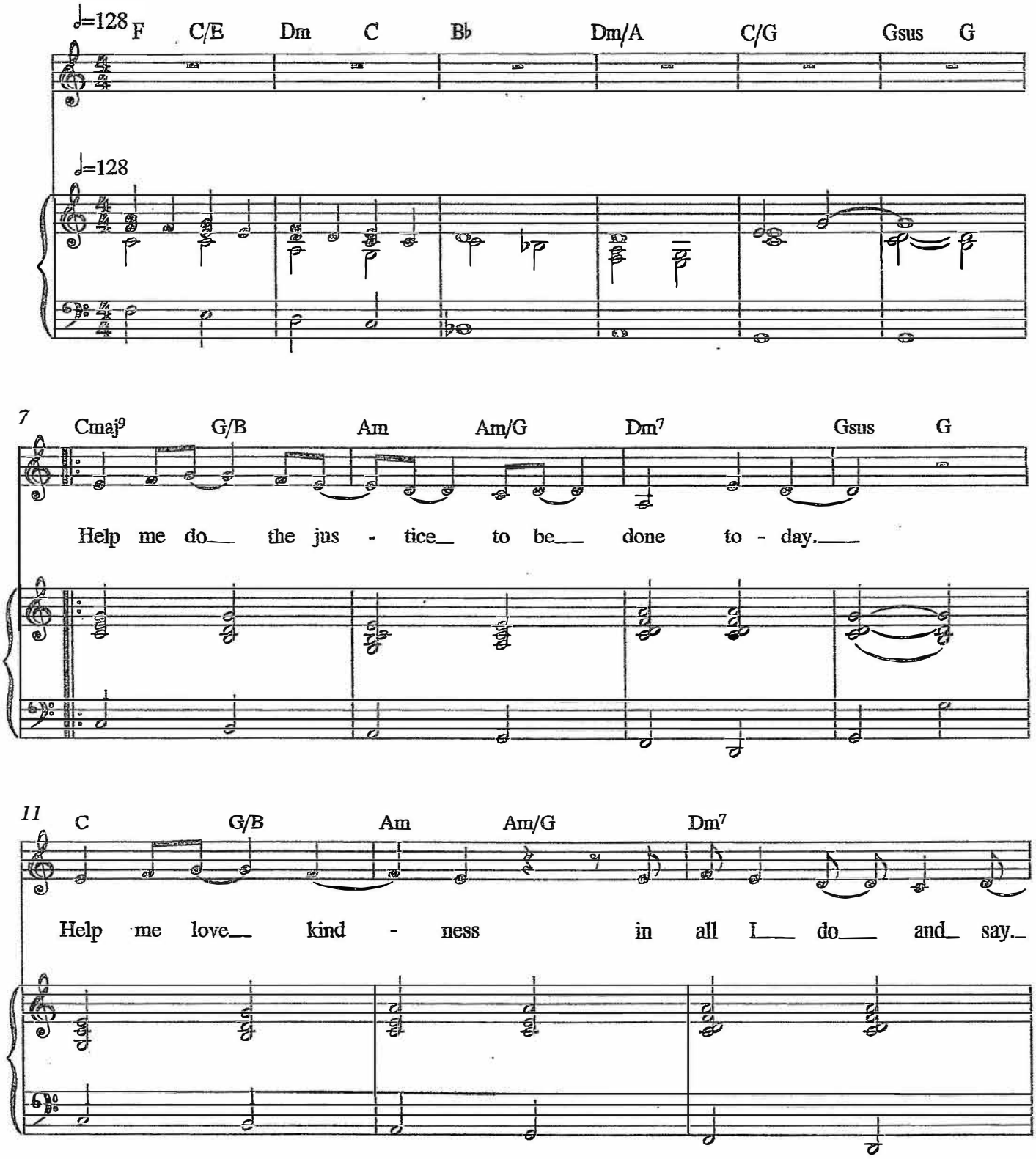
Every Step of the Way



14 Gsus G Em7 F C♯dim

— Help me walk hum - bly with you, O

17 Dm7 Gsus G F

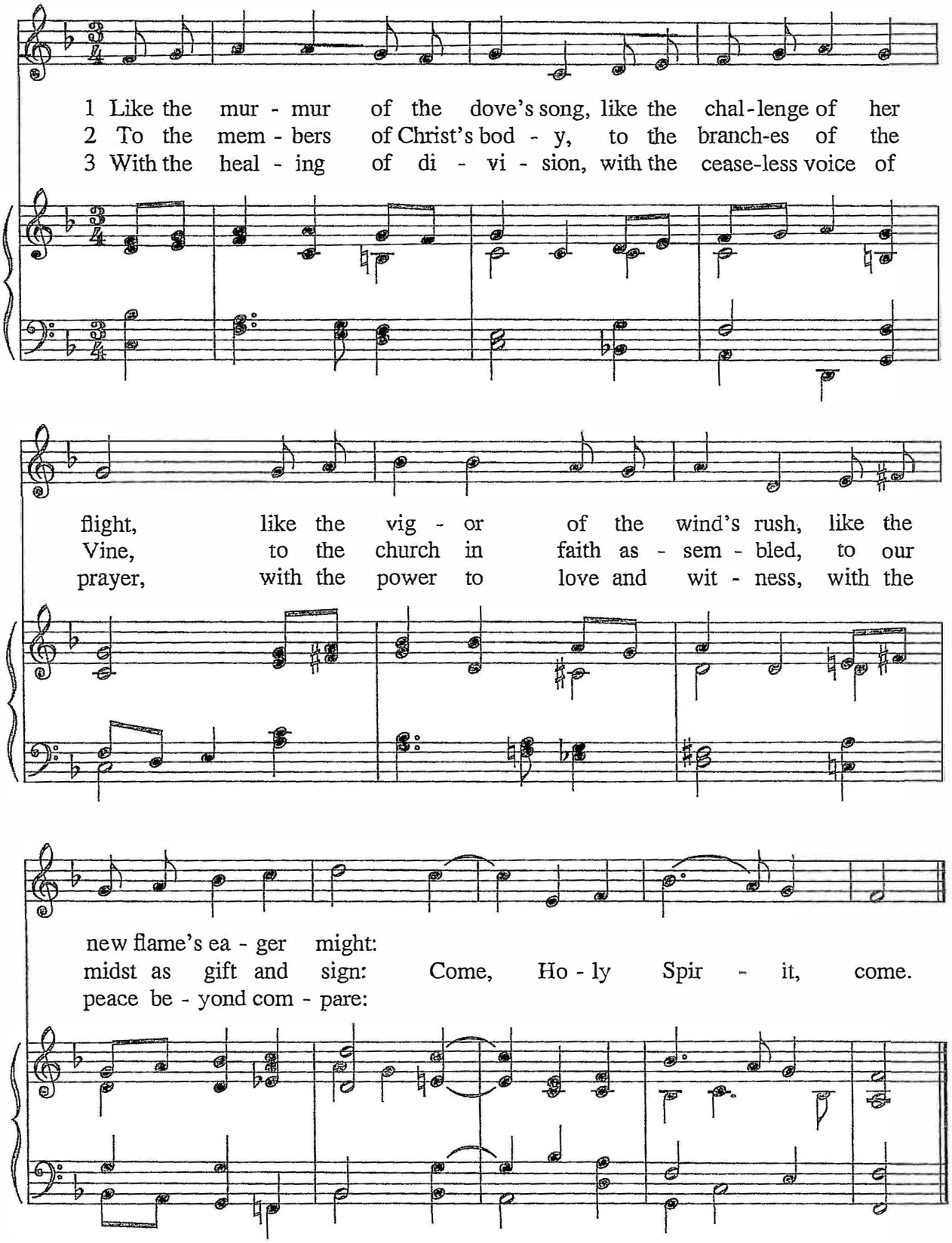
God I pray ev - 'ry step of the way,

20 Dm7 C/E F/G C

— ev - 'ry step of the way.

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song 270

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1982 — *Isa. 38:14; Rom. 8:26; 12:4–5; John 15:1–5*



Carl P. Daw, Jr., wrote this text for The Hymnal 1982 *(Episcopal), and expressly for the tune* Bridegroom. *Born and educated in England, composer Peter Cutts has served as music director for churches in Massachusetts and on the faculty of Andover Newton Theological School.*

Tune: BRIDEGROOM 8.7.8.7.6.
Peter Cutts, 1969

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O Holy Dove of God Descending 285

Bryan Jeffery Leech, 1976

Unison

C Am F G C Am F G

1 O ho-ly Dove of God de - scend-ing, you are the love that knows no end - ing,
2 O ho-ly Wind of God now blow - ing, you are the seed that God is sow - ing,
3 O ho-ly Rain of God now fall - ing, you make the Word of God en-thrall-ing,
4 O ho-ly Flame of God now burn - ing, you are the power of Christ re-turn - ing,

F C Dm G C F G7sus4 G C

All of our shat - tered dreams you're mend-ing: Spir-it, now live in me.
You are the life that starts us grow - ing: Spir-it, now live in me.
You are the in - ner voice now call - ing: Spir-it, now live in me.
You are the an - swer to our yearn-ing: Spir-it, now live in me.

Bryan Jeffery Leech, educated in Britain and the United States, has served American churches since 1955. He has also written musical plays, assisted in preparing and editing hymnals, and co-edited The Hymnal Companion *(1979).*

Tune: O HOLY DOVE 9.9.9.6.
Bryan Jeffery Leech, 1976

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

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Percy Dearmer, 1925; alt.

Matt. 18:20

Unison

1 Draw us in the Spir-it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -

in your name, two or three are met to - geth - er,
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Giv - er,
ments of you, that by car - ing, help-ing, giv - ing,

you are in the midst of them; Al-le - lu - ia!
break the bread and bless the cup, Al-le - lu - ia!
we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al-le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
Al - le - lu - ia! So now bind our friend - ship up.
Al - le - lu - ia! We may serve with faith a - new.

British hymnal editor Percy Dearmer originally wrote these stanzas under a pseudonym as part of a postcommunion hymn by George H. Bourne. The tune was adapted from an anthem by Harold Friedell and is named for Union Theological Seminary in New York.

Tune: UNION SEMINARY 8.7.8.7.4.4.7.
Harold Friedell, 1957
Adapt. Jet Turner, 1967

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286 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Unison, brightly
Refrain

James K. Manley, 1978; alt.

D G A Dsus4 D

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the

Bm E7 Asus7 A7

wil - der-ness, call - ing and free,

D G A Dsus4 D

Spir - it, spir - it of rest - less-ness, stir me from

Last time, end

Bm G A7 D G D

plac - id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.

D G A G

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the
2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the
3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a
4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient

Reduced-size notes may be played with organ pedals in lieu of or in combination with the other notes.

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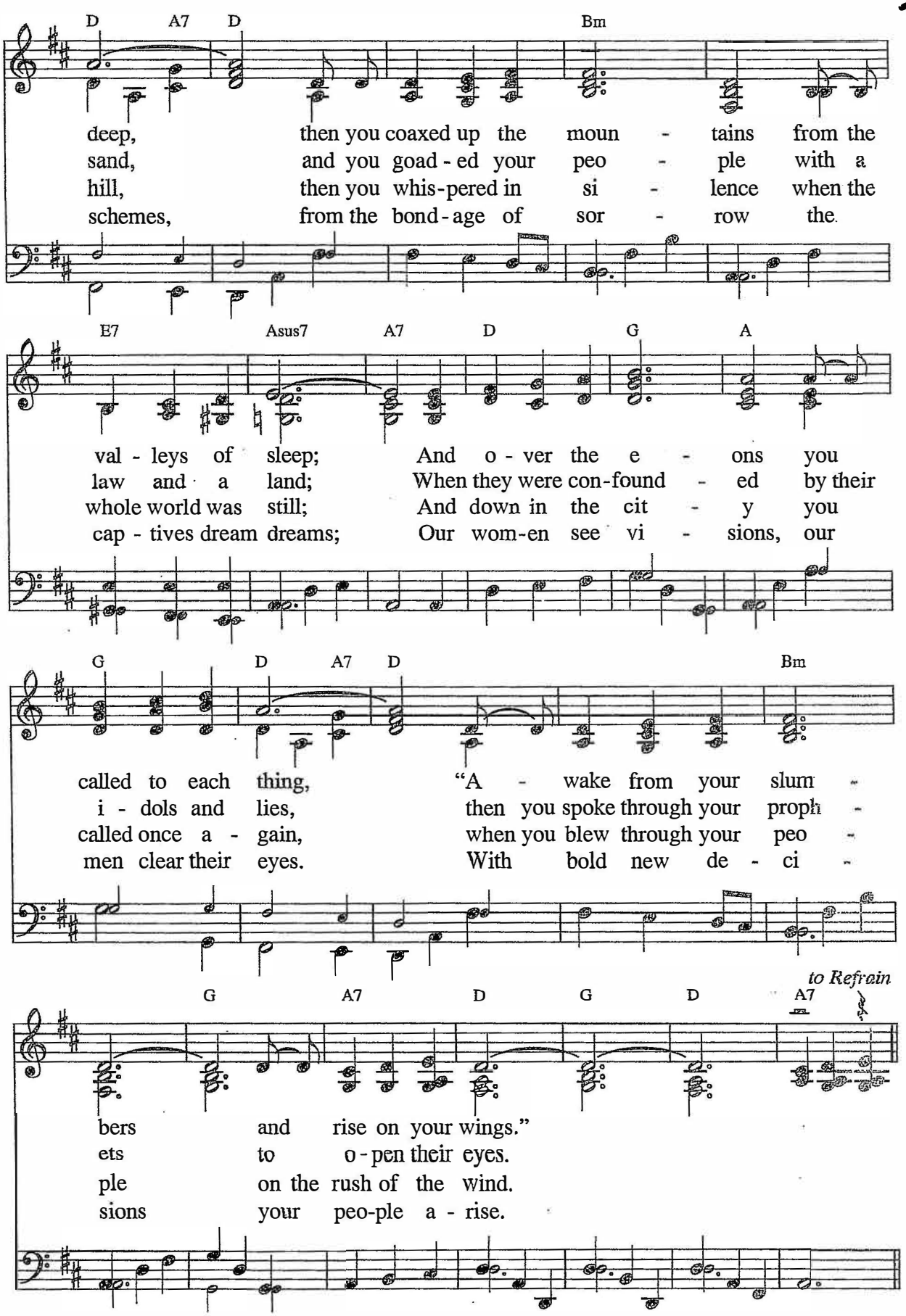

This popular hymn by songwriter James K. Manley grew out of a sabbatical leave at the School of Theology at Claremont, California. It was first sung at Waiokeola Congregational Church in Honolulu, after which Manley added the fourth stanza at the suggestion of a church member.

Tune: SPIRIT Irr.
James K. Manley, 1978
Arr. The New Century Hymnal, *1993*